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Applicant	Hartmut Boche
Serial No. 09/625,792	Filing Date: July 26, 2000
Title of Application	Medical Instrument With A Non-Contact Readable Data Carrier
Group Art Unit	Examiner

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Please enter this preliminary amendment before examination of this case.

In the Claims

Claim 1, line 5, after "carrier" please delete "being".

2. (Amended) The medical instrument of claim 1, wherein said recess comprises an undercut in at least one partial region, in which undercut said data carrier is nonremovably disposed [non-removable].
6. (Amended) The medical instrument of claim 1, wherein said recess comprises an undercut in at least one partial region, in which undercut said data carrier is nonremovably disposed [non-removable,] and wherein said means include an embedding medium forming a body by means of which body said data carrier is held in said undercut.

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